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Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS, CRUZ, REYES, BICHOTTE HERMELYN, TAYLOR, LUCAS, HYNDMAN, EPSTEIN, TAPIA, MITAYNES, FORREST -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to creating parity for incarcerated individual telephone services for international calls to family members

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 623 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 322 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4. **(a)** The department shall establish rules and regulations or departmental procedures to ensure that any incarcerated individual phone call system established by this section provides reasonable security measures to preserve the safety and security of each correctional facility, all staff and all persons outside a facility who may receive incarcerated individual phone calls.

**(b) Such rules and regulations shall include provisions requiring an incarcerated individual who is placing a call to a family member who is outside the continental United States, Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam or Central Northern Mariana Islands to have the same restrictions on the duration or number of calls, or use of unit or facility phones, as an incarcerated individual who is calling a family member who is not outside the continental United States, Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam or Central Northern Mariana Islands.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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